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# Nachhiring language

**Nachhiring** is a Kirati language spoken mostly in the eastern hills of Nepal. It merges into Kulung in the north and Sampang in the south.

| Nachhiring | |
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| **Native to** | Nepal |
| **Region** | Rakha Bangdel, Badel, para, Khotang District, Sagarmatha Zone |
| **Native speakers** | 10,000 (2011 census)[1] |
| **Language family** | Sino-Tibetan<br>▪ Mahakirati ?<br>▪ Kirati<br>▪ Central (Maajh Kirat)<br>▪ Khambu<br>▪ **Nachhiring** |
| **Language codes** | |
| **ISO 639-3** | `ncd` |
| **Glottolog** | `nach1240 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nach1240)`[2] |

## Names

The name can also be spelled *Nachering*, *Nachhereng*, *Nacchhering*, *Nasring*. "Bangdale" is a tribal name. *Ethnologue* lists the alternate names Bangdale, Bangdel Tûm, Bangdile, Mathsereng, Nacchhering, Nacering Ra, Nachering Tûm, Nachiring, Nasring, Nasru Bhra.

## Geographical distribution

Nachering is spoken in the following locations of Nepal (*Ethnologue*).

- Upper northeastern Khotang District, Sagarmatha Zone (in the Lidim Khola river slopes area near Rawakhola valley, headwaters and tributaries to southern Aiselukharke): Rakha, Bangdel, Dipsun, Para, Badel, Patel, Bakachol, and Aiselukharka VDC's
- Solukhumbu District: Waddu and Sotang VDC's

Grollmann (2018:2) reports that Nachiring is spoken in the villages of Aiselukharka, Hume, Para, Bakachol, Badel, Bangdel, Rakha, and Sumtel. It is not spoken anymore by ethnic Nachiring people living in Dharapani, Dipsun, and Dimma villages.

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